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FOR: KEOGH FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS: DECLAS 12/31/81

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SUBJECTC AUGMENTATION OF VOA TINANG FACILITIES

REF: (A) USIA 0443, (B) TOKYO 0457

1. APPRECIATE GREATLY YOUR INTERCESSION ON DISPOSITION OF DISPLACED MOBILE TRANSMITTERS. POSSIBILITY OF INHERITING EVEN TWO OF THREE UNITS WILL GO FAR TOWARD SWEETENING DEAL FOR GOP.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ABREAST OF PRESS STORIES WHEN THEY SURFACE, AS WELL AS PETTINENT TEXT/TESTIMONY FROM HEARINGS. COPY OF CMB SUBMISSION WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO US IN ANTICIPATING AND FIELDING LOCAL QUEIIES.

3. I FRANKLY AM LESS CONCERNED ABOUT PRESS STORIES THAN STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. OFFICIALS WHICH MIGHT
(1) EMBARRASS GOP INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY FOR TAKING AN ADDITIONAL U.S. FACILITY WHICH BEING THROWN OUT OF JAPAN, AND
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(2) PROVE IRRITANT IN GOP NEGOTIATIONS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS

WITH PRC AND USSR. FROM REFTTEL (A) ASSUME LINKAGE BETWEEN USE OF JAPANESE FUNDS AND TINANG AUGMENTATION SUFFICIENTLY REOMTE THAT ISSUE CAN BE FINESSED OR OBFUSCATED IN HEARINGS. WILL LEAVE STRATEGY ON BEST WAY ACCOMPLISH THIS TO YOU ON CONGRESSIONAL FIRING LINE.

4. RE REFERENCE (B), IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT EMBASSY TOKYO DELAY SURFACING MATTER AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, AND AT LEAST UNTIL MAY 1975 DEADLINE (ASSUMING STORY HAS NOT BROKEN IN PRESS PRIOR THIS DATE.) IN MEANTIME, SUGGEST TEMPORIZING WITH ASSURANCES USG TAKING NECESSARY STEPS TO MEET 1977 OKINAWA WITHDRAWAL DATE.

5. IN EVENT TOKYO FURTHER PRESSED BY GOJ FOR INFORMATION, HOPE THEY CAN GET BY WITH STATEMENT THAT TRANSMISSIONS PREVIOUSLY BEAMED FROM OKINAWA WILL BE ASSUMED BY AUGMENTATION OTHER VOA FACILITIES IN AREA (AVOIDING ANY INDICATION THAT OKINAWA FACILITY BEING REPLACED, PER SE, BY TINANG).

6. IN ABSENCE EXEC SEC MELCHOR IN MIDDLE EAST, CANNOT NOW CONVENIENTLY FIND WHETHER HE DISCUSSED MATTER PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT AS HE PROMISED. WILL RECHECK ON HIS RETURN AND LET

YOU KNOW DEFINITELY.
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